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1. The Moşniţa airport is approximately 4 kilometers southeast of the center of Timişoara. It is also 3.5 kilometers west of Moşniţa village and at a distance of 1.5 kilometers from the intersection point of the two roads: Timişoara-Moşniţa and Timişoara-Buşu. The airport is located south of the road which goes to Moşniţa.
2. Description of the terrain: The ground is flat and covered with grass. It has good natural drainage and may be used in rainy weather and during winter. It is open in all directions.
3. Dimensions: The airport is rectangular and has the following dimensions: from west to east, 1,100 meters, and from north to south, 900 meters.
4. Use of the airport in the past: The airport was constructed after the end of the First World War and was intended for the use of transport planes. During World War II, the airport was used by both German and Rumanian air transport units. During the campaign to the west, the airport was used by the Soviet Air Force as a transit stop for flights to Yugoslavia and Hungary. At present, it is used by the air transport company. The prevailing wind is from southeast to northwest.
5. Installations:
 - a. Two concrete hangars (See Enclosure (A)), 20 by 30 meters in dimension. The hangars are located at the western side of the airport.

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- b. A one-story building (P) housing the airport commander's office, the traffic office, the meteorological bureau, the technical office, and the radio and goniometrical stations.
 - c. Two metallic pillars are installed on each side of the road, at approximately 200 meters from the buildings. The road is the one which goes to Meşin and the pillars are on each side of it. The pillars are 30 to 40 meters high and hold the radio station's antenna. Through the antenna, contact is maintained with the planes during flights and with the radio stations of other airports, in order to direct the flights.
 - d. The meteorological equipment is installed in a small wooden building (M).
 - e. The building and the hangars of the airport are lighted by electricity drawn from the regular power line of the city. The airport has no night signal station and therefore it cannot be used for night flights.
6. Gasoline is brought in barrels from the city, on the airport's truck. Trespassing and standing on the airport is forbidden but there is no forbidden zone around or nearby the airport. The guard is armed and security is tight. The airport allows only airport employees and passengers on the premises. Passengers are brought to the airport from the city in buses of the Tars company.
 7. The airport is used by planes which fly the air route Bucharest/Timisoara/Oradea/Satu Mare. The planes belong to the Tars company. The planes are Soviet Douglas-type, namely LI-2s, and AERO-45s which is of Czechoslovak type.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Meşin Airfield

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5. A one-story building (P) housing the airport commander's office, the traffic office, the meteorological bureau, the technical office, and the radio and goniometrical stations.
6. Two metallic pillars are installed on each side of the road, at approximately 200 meters from the buildings. The road is the one which goes to the city and the pillars are on each side of it. The pillars are 30 to 40 meters high and hold the radio station's antenna. Through the antenna, contact is maintained with the planes during flights and with the radio stations of other airports, in order to direct the flights.
7. The meteorological equipment is installed in a small wooden building (M).
8. The building and the hangars of the airport are lighted by electricity drawn from the regular power line of the city. The airport has no night signal station and therefore it cannot be used for night flights.
9. Gasoline is brought in barrels from the city, on the airport's track. Trespassing and standing on the airport is forbidden but there is no forbidden zone around or nearby the airport. The guard value is not very strict. The only entrance to the airport is by airport employees and passengers on the premises. Passengers are brought to the airport from the city in buses of the Tars company.
10. The airport is used by planes which fly the air route Bucharest/Timisoara/Budapest/Batu Mare. The planes belong to the Tars company. The planes are Soviet Douglas-type, namely LI-2s, and AERO-45s which is of Czechoslovak type.

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(A): Sketch of Masmata Airfield

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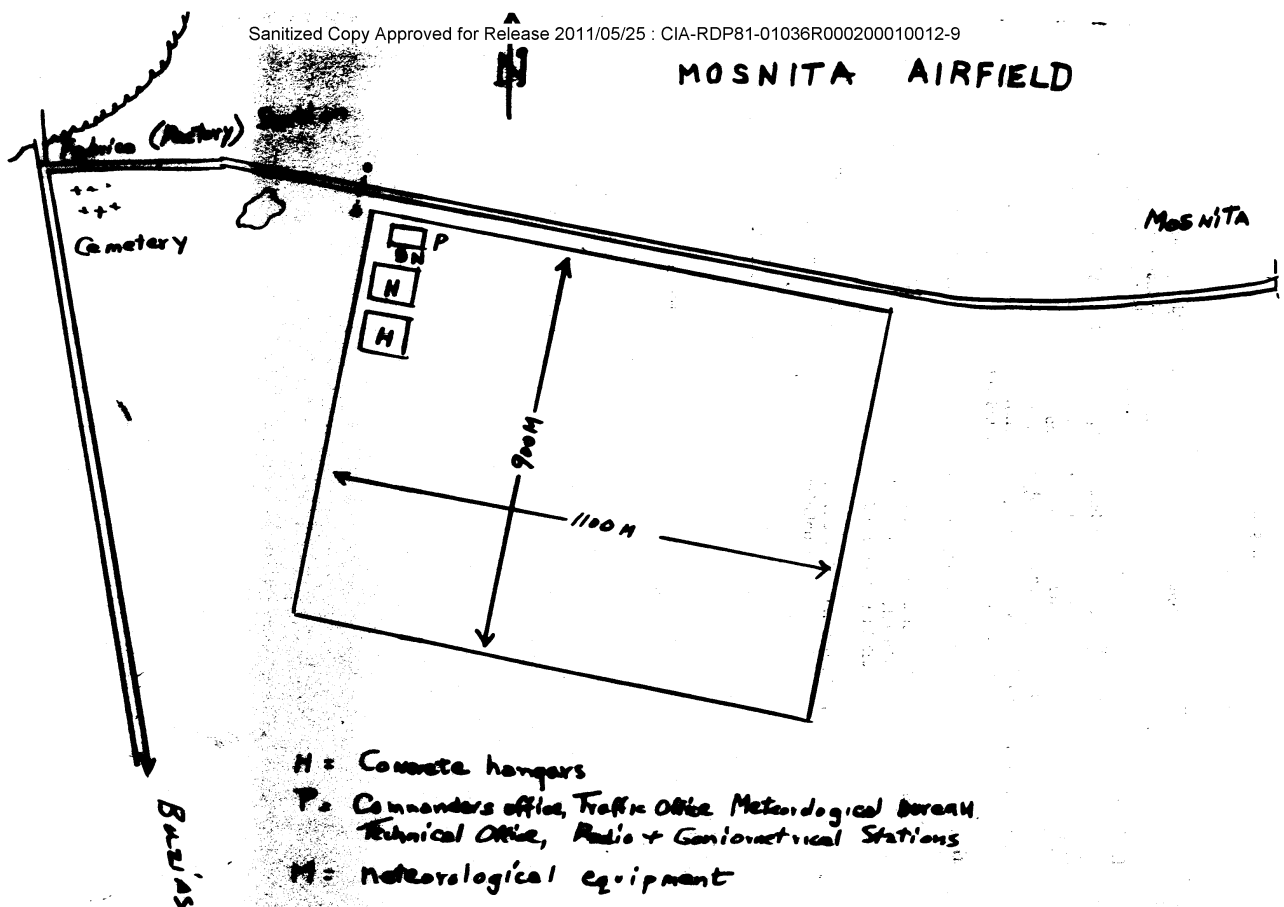
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